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Application Number	09/493,350
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First Named Inventor	Brewer
Art Unit	1764
Examiner Name	Hien Thi Tran
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ii. ☐ Other _____

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i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

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b. ☐ Other _____

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ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

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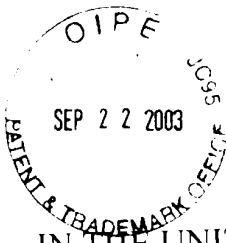
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003 regarding the above-identified application. Please amend the application as follows:

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.